

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A container, in particular a header of a heat exchanger, with an orifice (2;105) in which a connection piece (5;85) is mounted, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connection piece (5;85) has, at its end facing the container (1;104), a deformable connection piece edge region (10;90) which, before deformation, projects into the container (1;104) and, after deformation, bears at least partially against the container orifice (2;105) on the inside.

2. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deformable connection piece edge region (10;90) is connected with a form fit to that edge region of the container (1;104) which has the container orifice (2;105).

3. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deformable connection piece edge region (90) has a projection (96) which, before deformation, projects radially inward and, during deformation, is deformed radially outward.

4. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projection (96) is delimited by a continuous slope (98).

5. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the continuous slope (98) runs at an angle of about 45 degrees with respect to the connection piece longitudinal axis (88).

6. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~, in the edge region of the container orifice (2), at least one deformed region (~~at 61-66~~) is formed, into which a complementarily deformed region (~~at 61-66~~) of the deformable connection piece edge region (10) engages.

7. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a collar (7) is formed at that end of the connection piece (5) which has the deformable connection piece edge region (10).

8. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a continuous depression (94) is formed radially on the outside between the collar (7; 87) and the deformable connection piece edge region (10; 90).

9. (Currently amended) A tool for fixing a connection piece (5) as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in a container orifice (2), ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the tool (15) has at least one deformation element (~~25, 26; 51-56~~) which can be moved out of an introduction position (~~for example 54~~) into a deformation end position (~~for example 58~~).

10. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the deformation element (~~25, 26~~) is guided in the tool (15).

11. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the guide path (~~21, 22~~) of the deformation element (~~25, 26~~) runs essentially transversely with respect to the connection piece longitudinal axis (8).

12. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 10 ~~or 11~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the guide path ~~(41, 42)~~ of the deformation element ~~(25, 26)~~ runs from the inner space of the container ~~(1)~~ obliquely outward.

13. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 9 to 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deformation element ~~(25, 26)~~ cooperates with a ramp which can be moved in relation to the tool ~~(15)~~ in the direction of the connection piece longitudinal axis ~~(8)~~.

14. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ramp is formed on a frustoconical region ~~(17)~~ which tapers outward.

15. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the frustoconical region ~~(17)~~ can be actuated from outside.

16. (Currently amended) The container as claimed in claim 14 ~~or 15~~, characterized in that wherein a connecting element ~~(30)~~ extends outward from the frustoconical region ~~(17)~~.

17. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 9 to 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deformation element ~~(25, 26)~~ has an essentially convex region toward the container orifice ~~(2)~~.

18. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, during deformation, the convex region comes to bear with its outwardly facing half against the deformable connection piece edge region (10).

19. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 9 to 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deformation element is formed by a sphere (25, 26).

20. (Currently amended) The tool as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 9 to 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tool has a plurality of deformation elements (25, 26; 51-56) which are distributed, uniformly spaced apart, over the circumference of the tool.